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FLOWMETER SIGNALS
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

December 20, 2000

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 13-27.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. A method for measuring the displacement of a fluid into a conduit [(3)], by calculating a difference in ultrasound transit time between two transducers [(1, 2; 12, 13)] in one direction and in the other, characterised by the steps:
- of simultaneously exciting the two transducers [(1, 2; 12; 13)], then
- simultaneously measuring signals received at each one of the transducers originating from the other transducer,
and by a step of synchronously digitizing the signals received at each one of the transducers.

2. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that the step of